

# STARBLAZER

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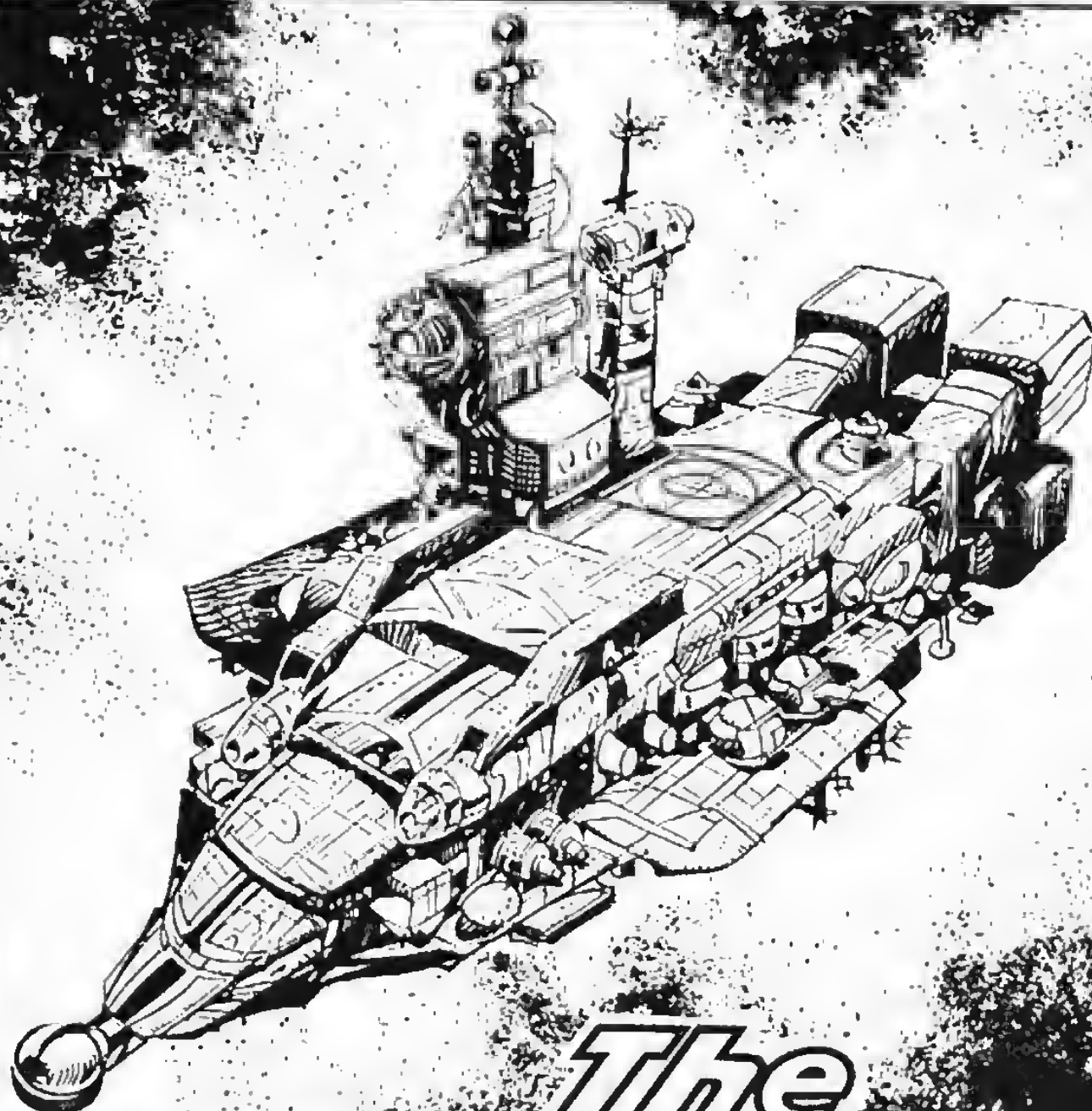


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**F**AR OUT IN THE DARK, COLD DEPTHS OF INTER-STELLAR SPACE, TERRAN FEDERATION'S LONELY PATROL VESSELS SCoured THE VACUUM FOR SIGNS OF MILITARY ADVANCEMENT. HOME WAS FAR AWAY FOR THE SPACE DESTROYER, MAGNUM, AND THE DANGERS MANY AND VARIED — IT COULD NOT KNOW OF THE EVENTS ABOUT TO BEFALL IT — EVENTS WHICH WERE TO MAKE IT VITAL TO EARTH'S VERY SURVIVAL . . .



# *The LOST DESTROYER*

TERRAN SPACECRAFT, MAGNUM, KEPT A WARY WATCH FOR ENEMY SHIPS.

SUDDENLY, FROM NOWHERE —

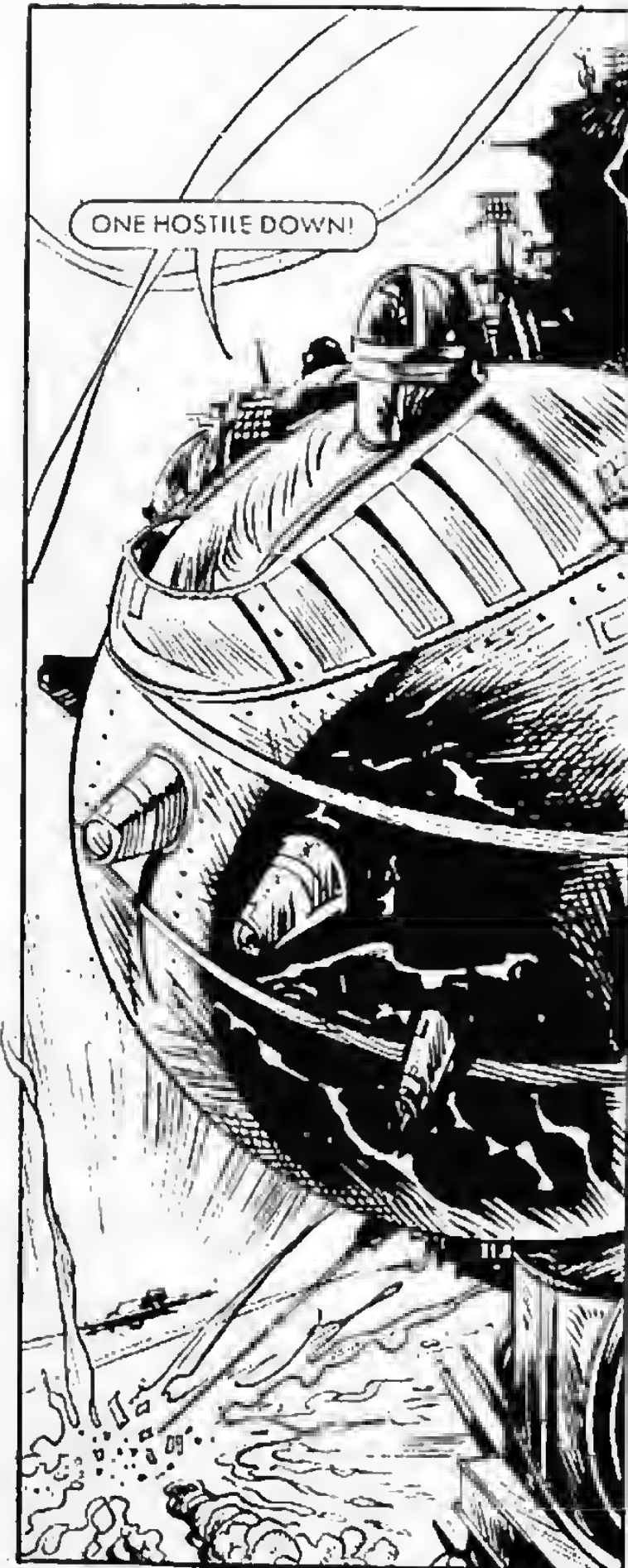
HOSTILES BEARING BLUE 67783.

MAGNUM'S FORCE HULL ABSORBED THE CHARGE —

INCREASING CHARGE  
... FIRE AGAIN.







INSIDE THE MAGNUM —

WHAT'S THE  
DAMAGE, KANE?

PART OF THE ENGINE  
STABILISER WRECKED.

MECHANICS ASSESSED THE DAMAGE.

THE STABILISER CANNOT BE REPAIRED. THAT MEANS  
FASTER THAN LIGHT TRAVEL IS OUT OF THE QUESTION.

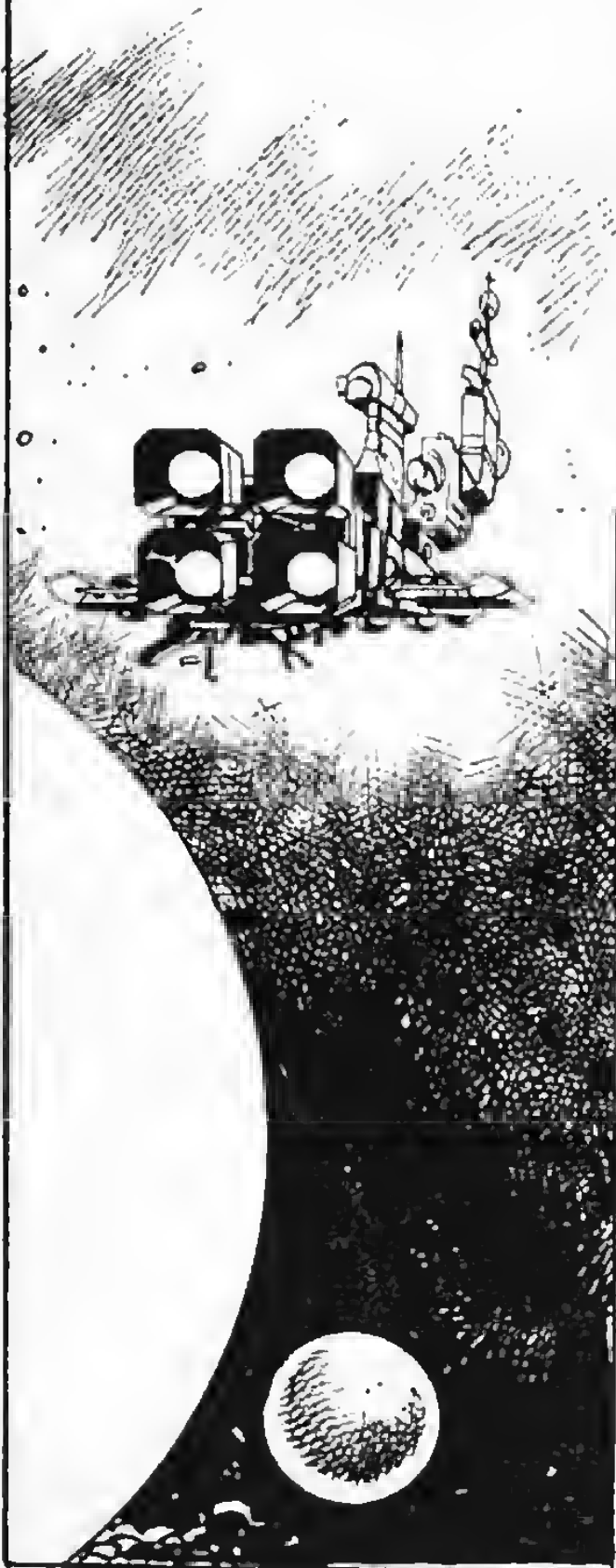
WE'RE IN FOR A LONG,  
SLOW JOURNEY BACK TO EARTH.

THE CREW OF THE MAGNUM PREPARED  
TO SLEEP MOST OF THE WAY BACK.

BY THE TIME WE WAKE UP WE  
SHOULD BE AT STATION PLUTO...  
ONLY PARSECS FROM EARTH.

SET CO-ORDINATES FOR EARTH,  
ACTIVATE CONTROL AND THEN GET  
DOWN TO THE CRYOGENIC PODS.

WITH ITS CREW SLEEPING, THE  
DAMAGED MAGNUM LIMPED  
SLOWLY THROUGH ENDLESS SPACE,  
UNTIL FIVE YEARS LATER —



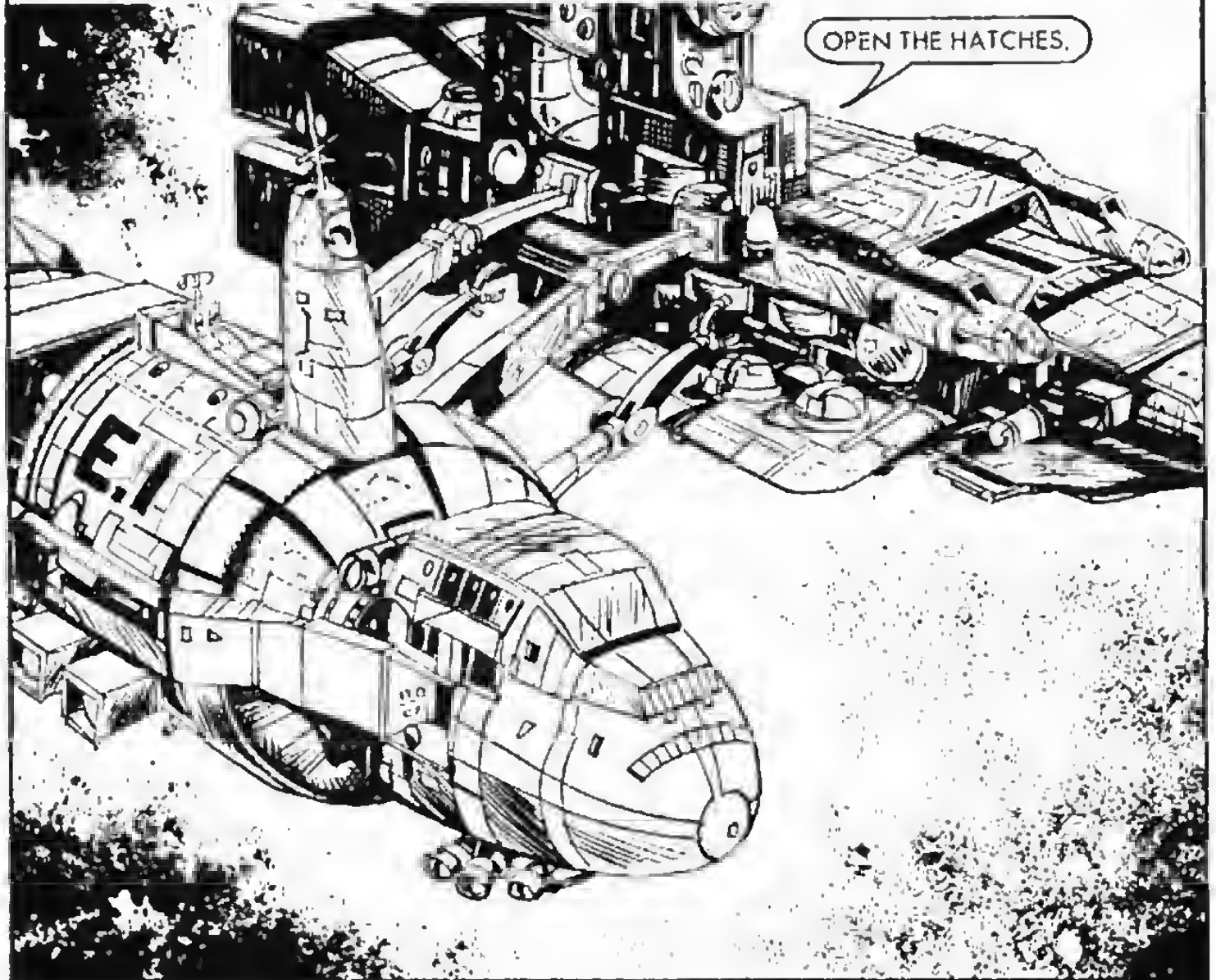
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ANY EMERGENCY AUTOMATICALLY  
REVIVED THE CREW —

**EMERGENCY — UNIDENTIFIED  
SHIP IN CLOSE PROXIMITY.**





THE NEWCOMER SENT OVER ELECTRO-CLAMPS TO FIX THE TWO SHIPS TOGETHER.

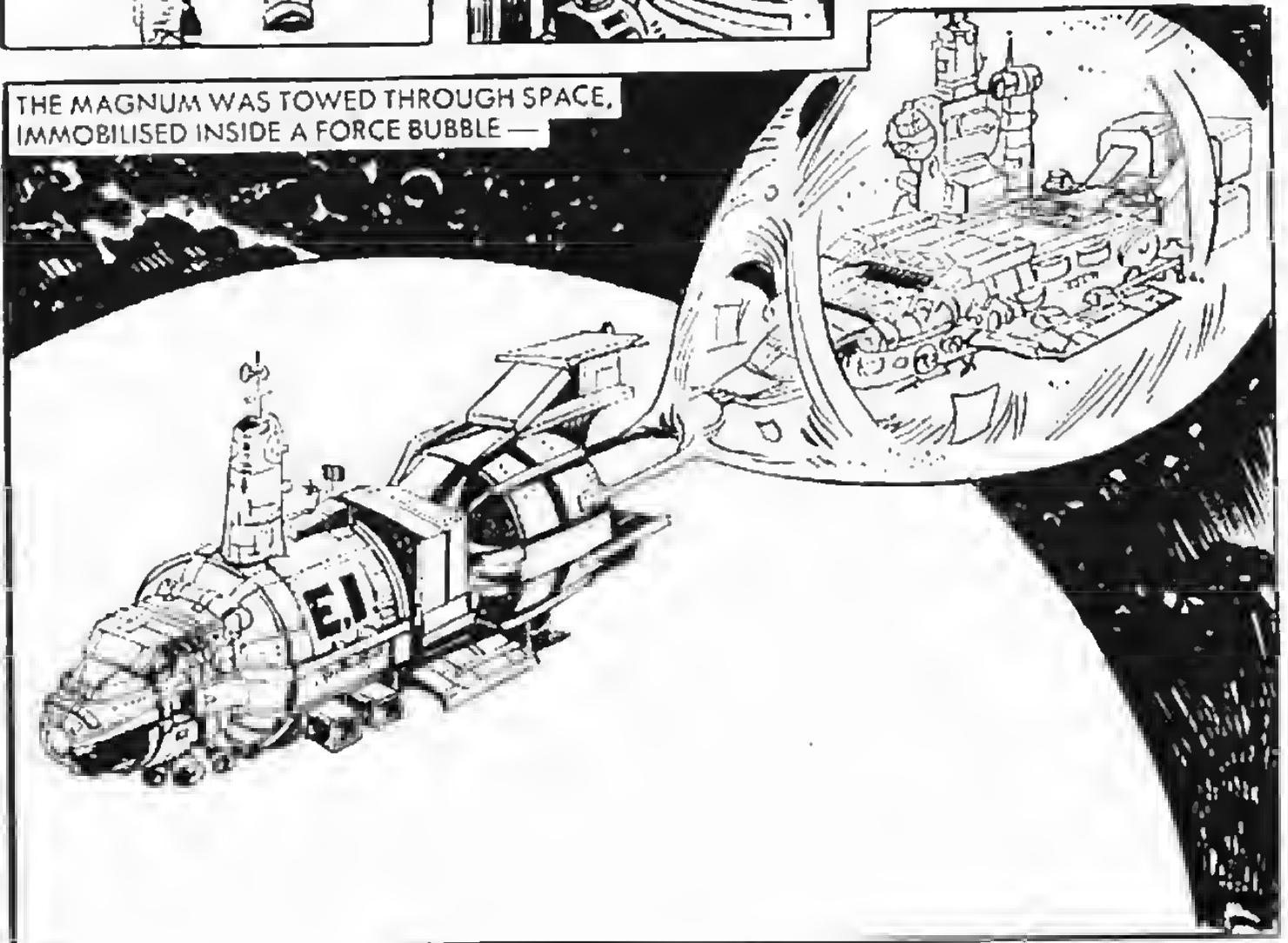


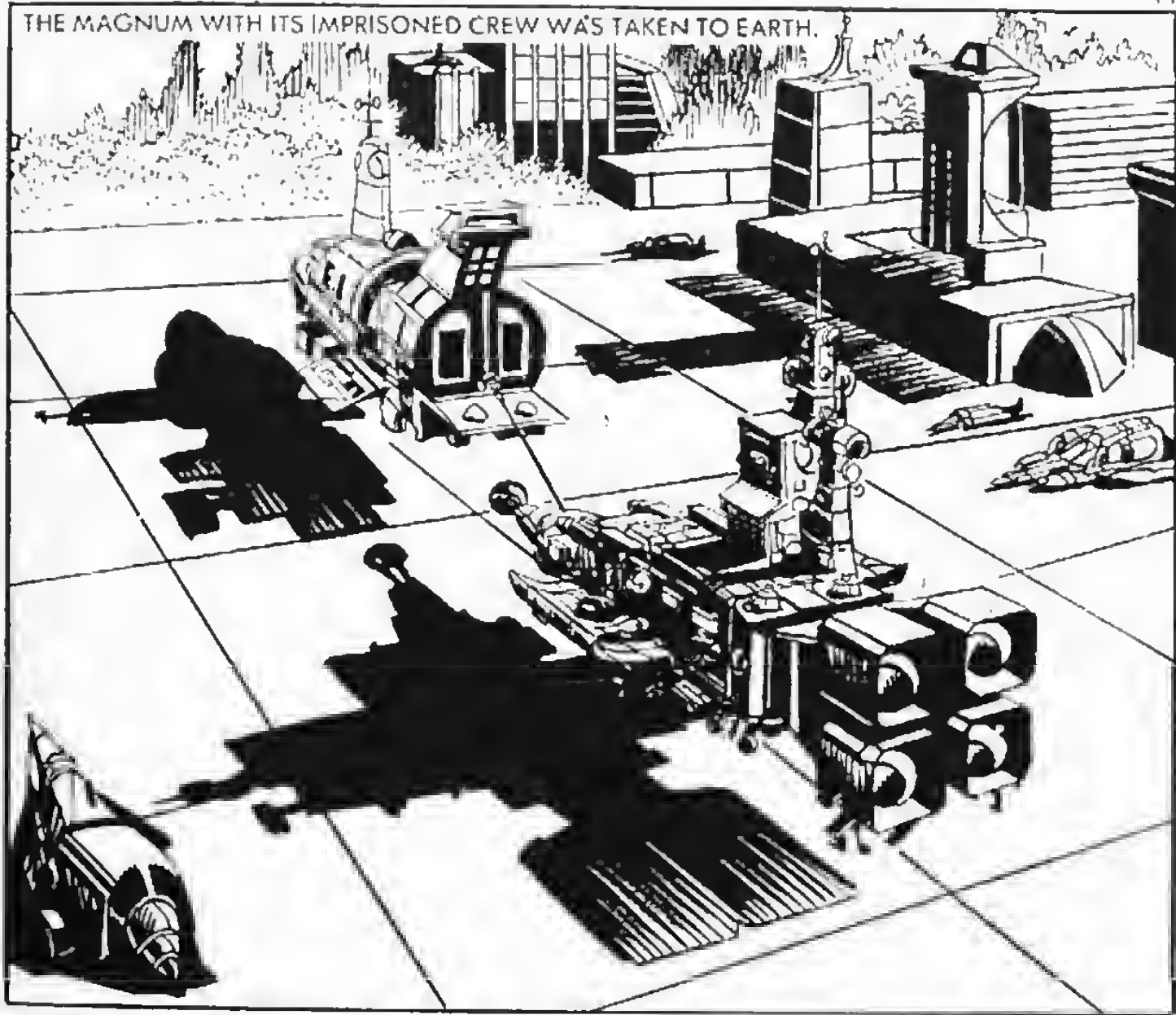






THE MAGNUM WAS TOWED THROUGH SPACE,  
IMMOBILISED INSIDE A FORCE BUBBLE —







ON THE DISEMBARKATION RAMP —







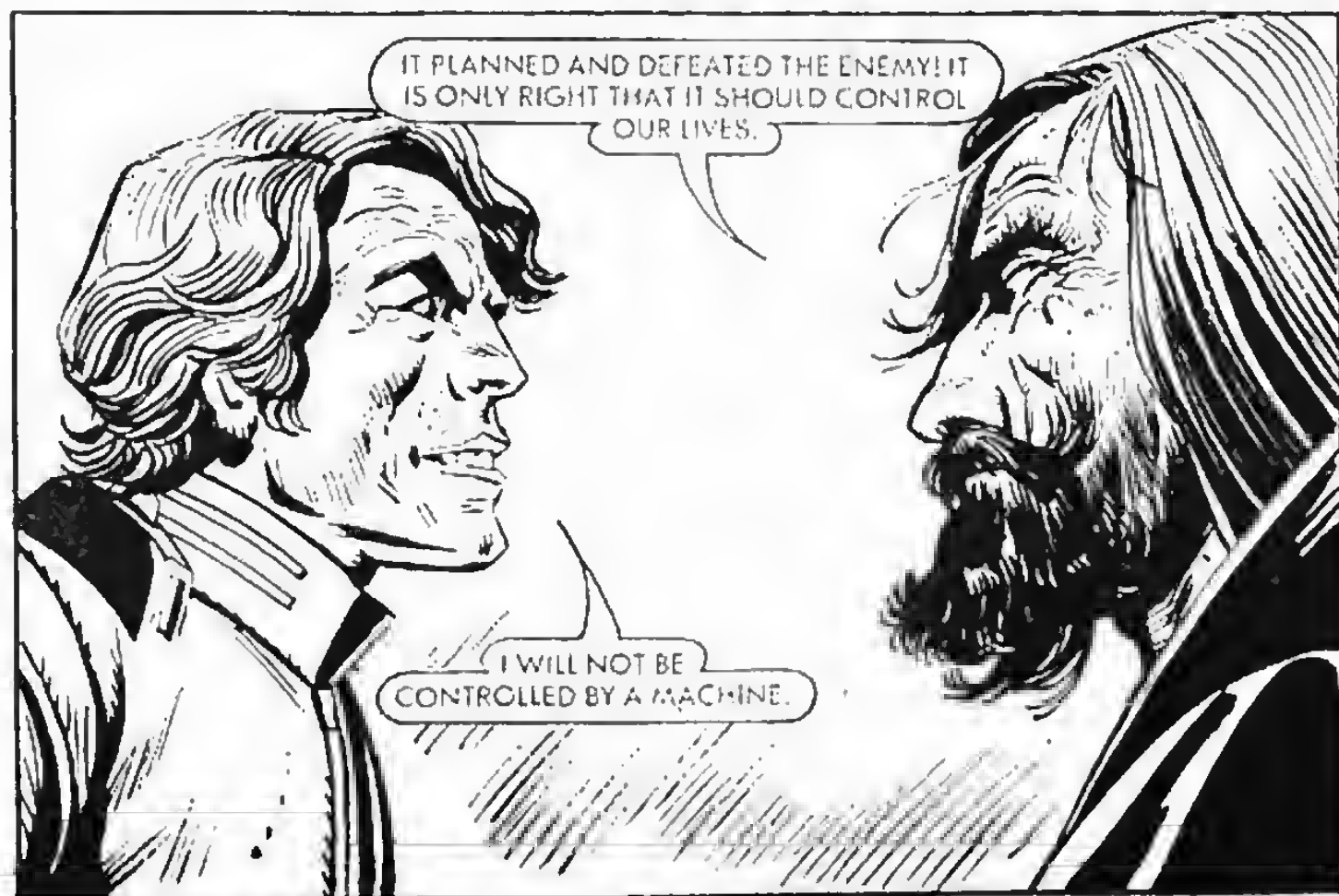
KANE MADE A BREAK —





THIS IS CAPTAIN  
POWER OF THE MAGNUM.

“AH, CAPTAIN. NO DOUBT YOU ARE A TRIFLE  
CONFUSED! SINCE YOU LEFT EARTH THERE HAVE  
BEEN MANY CHANGES...”





POWER AND HIS MEN WERE LED AWAY.



THEY WERE TAKEN TO THE ATOMISING CHAMBER FOR EXECUTION.



KANE APPEARED SUDDENLY —







AN ANTI-GRAV ELEVATOR TOOK THEM TOWARDS THE ROOF.

WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO EARTH?



THE COMPUTER, CONTROL 1, PLANNED THE BATTLE STRATEGY THAT DEFEATED THE ENEMY. IN THE PROCESS, THE COMPUTER WAS PROGRAMMED WITH CLASSIFIED INFORMATION AND A PLAN TO DESTROY EARTH IN EVENT OF DEFEAT. I THINK SOMEWHERE ALONG THE LINE, THE COMPUTER REALISED THAT IT HAD TOTAL POWER. IT RECRUITED SUITABLE SUBJECTS TO SERVE IT, AND THROUGH THEM RULES BY FEAR.

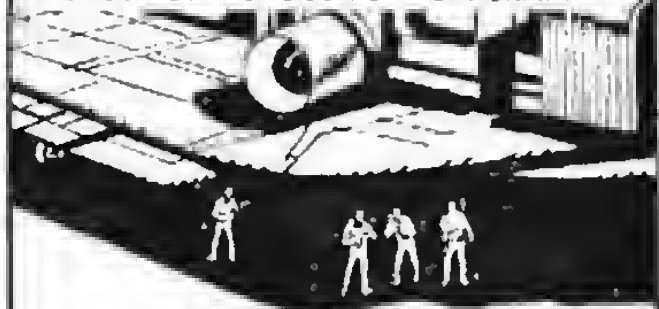


ON THE ROOF—



THEY STILL HAVE SOLOTHRUSTERS  
HERE FOR EMERGENCIES.

THEY JETTED ACROSS TO THEIR CRAFT—



WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO  
TRY AND KNOCK OUT THE GUARDS.



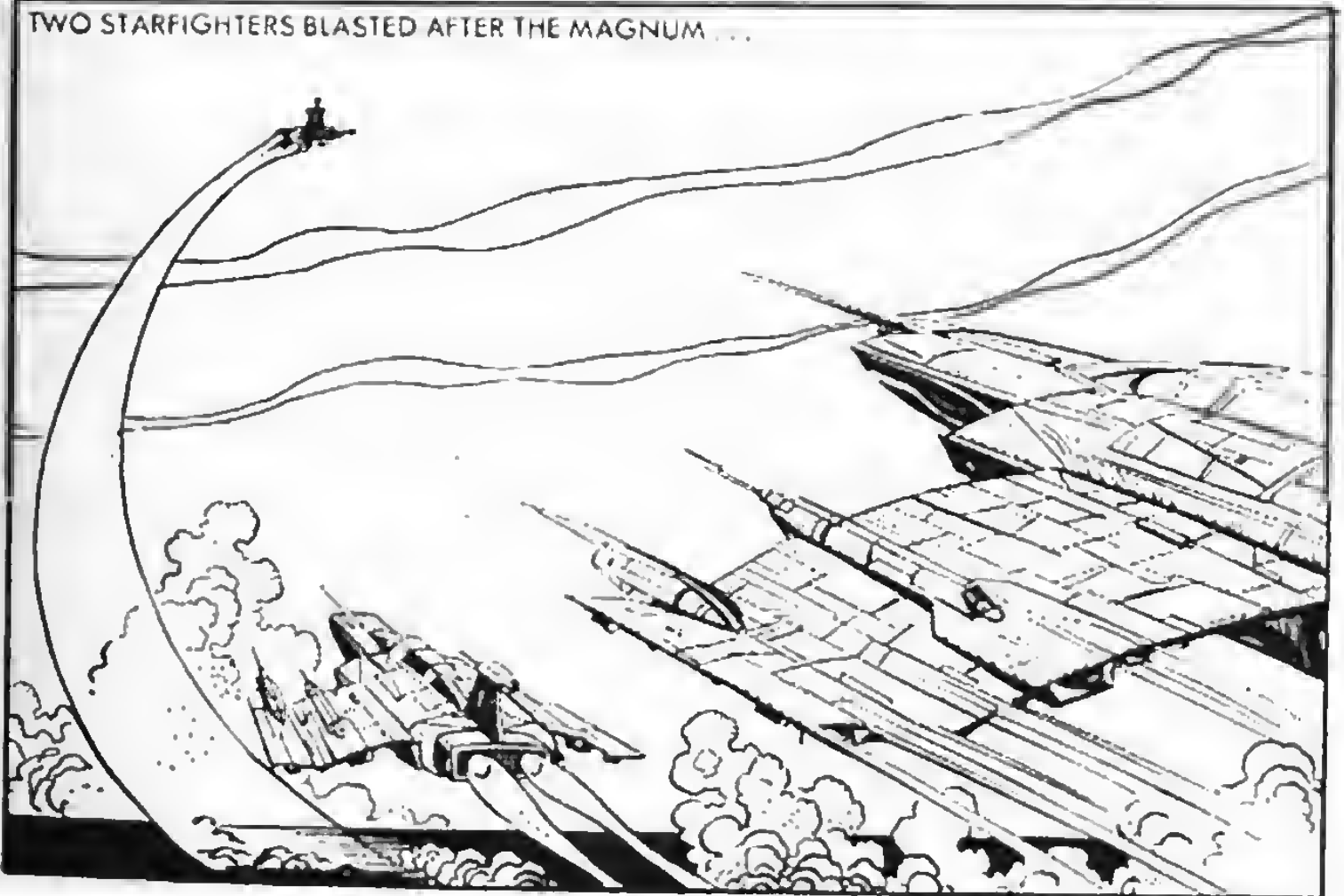


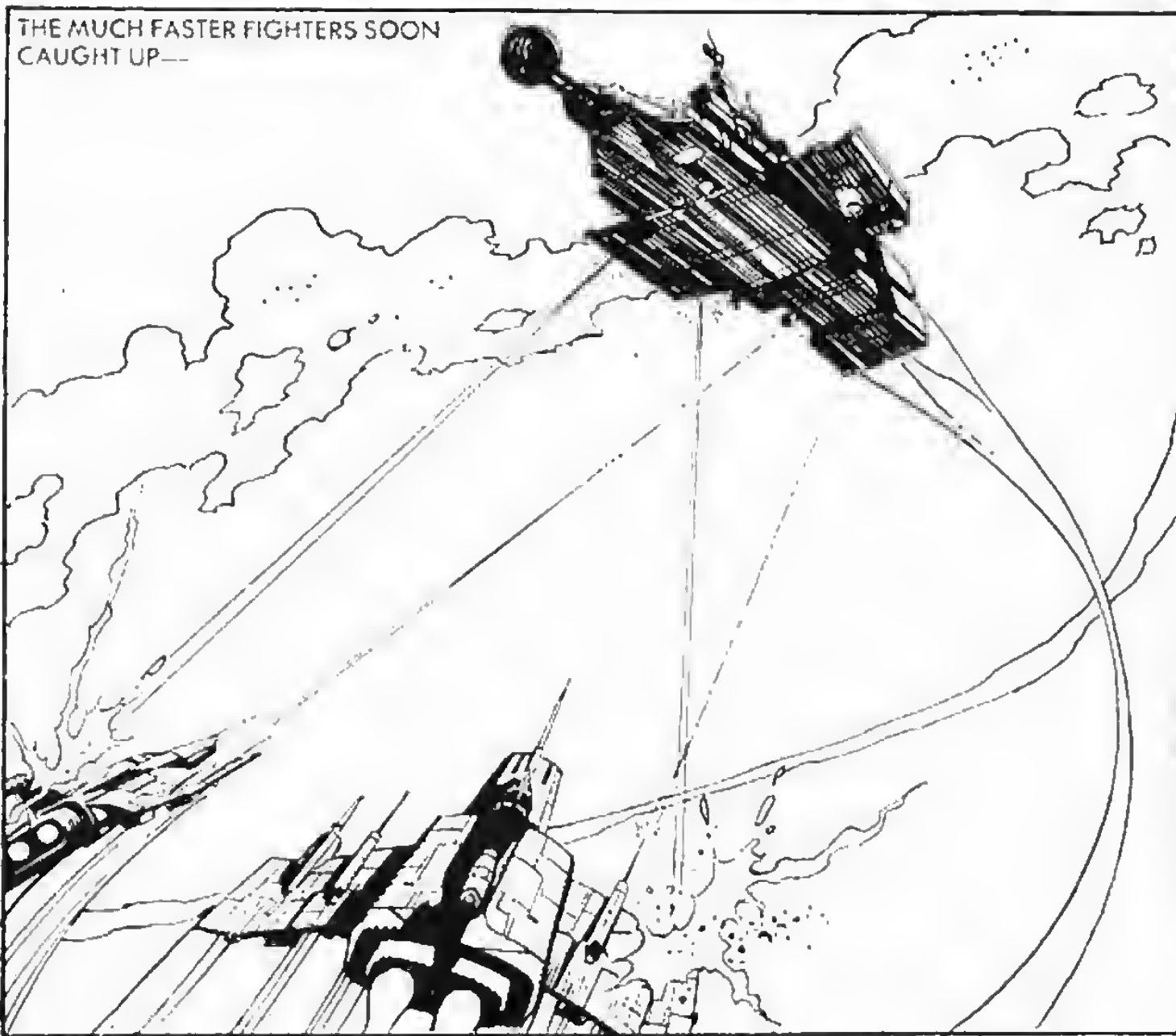
THE MAGNUM TOOK OFF—

TAKE A COUPLE OF SHIPS UP AND  
BLAST THEM OUT OF THE SKY!



TWO STARFIGHTERS BLASTED AFTER THE MAGNUM ...



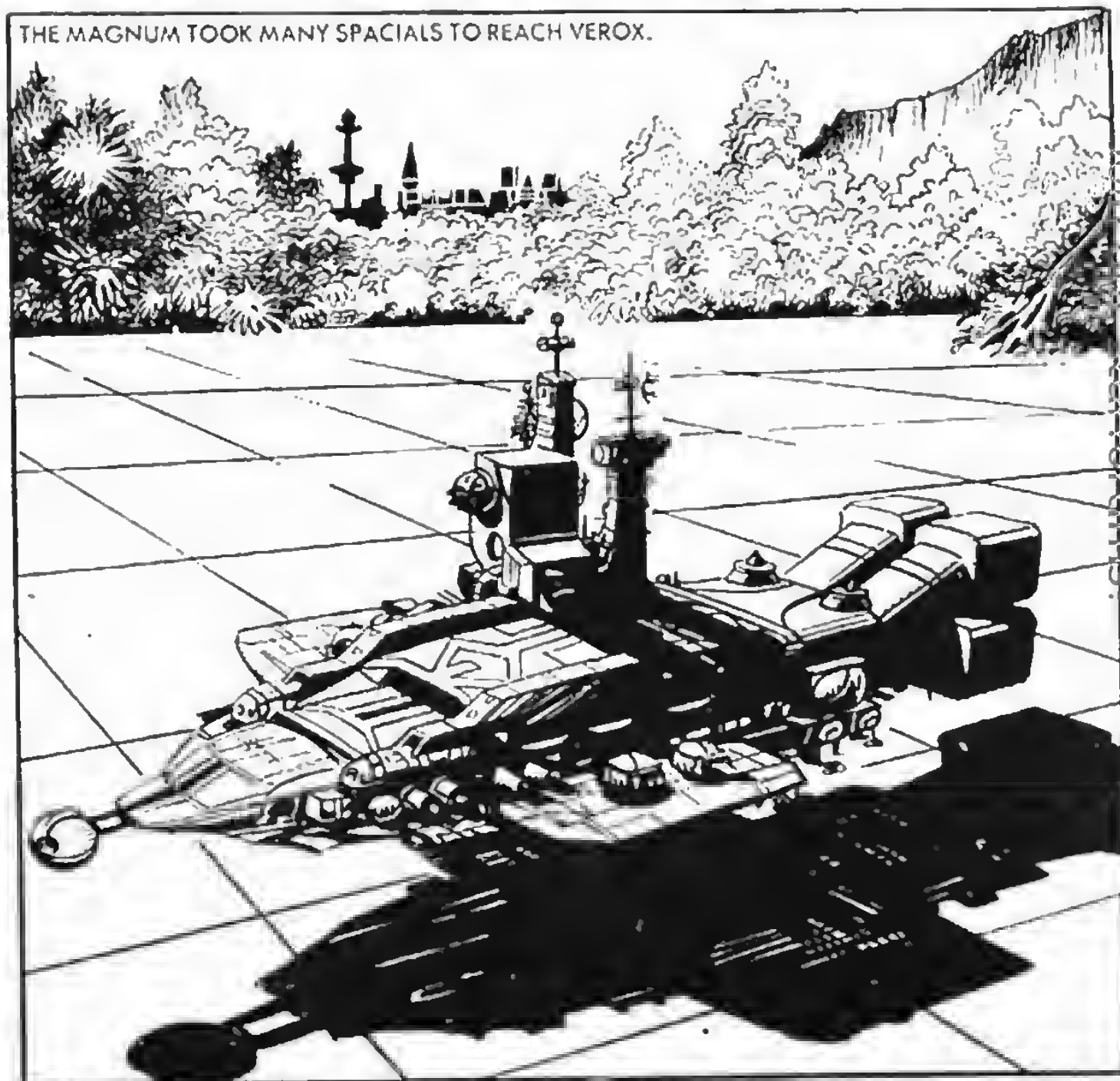




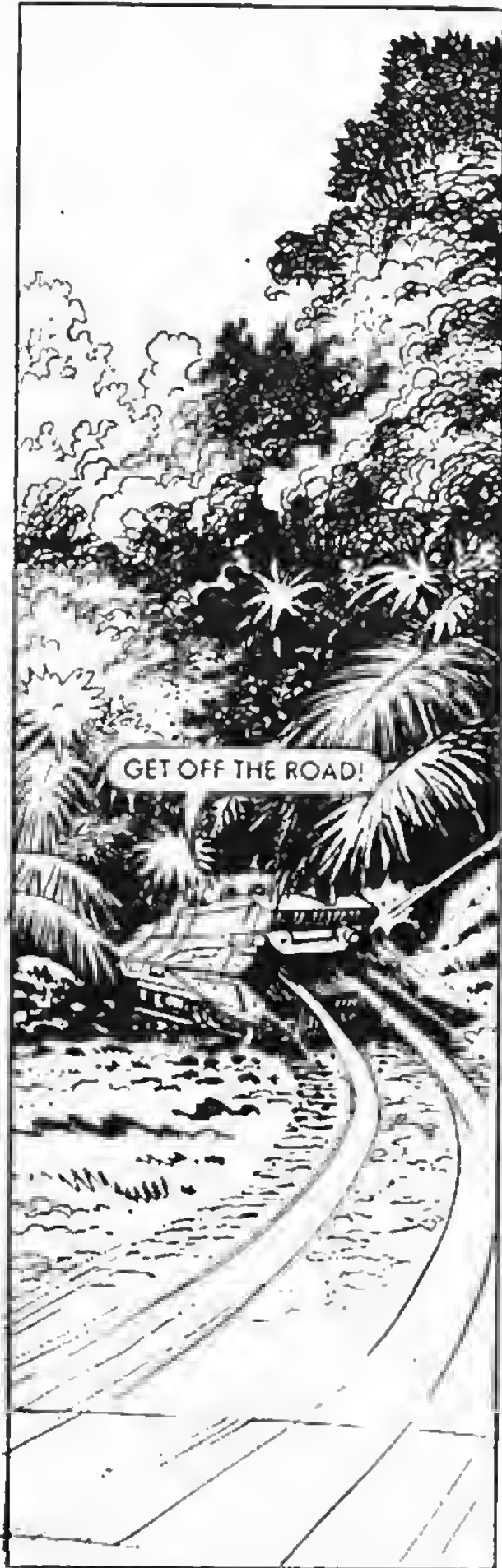




THE MAGNUM TOOK MANY SPACIALS TO REACH VEROX.







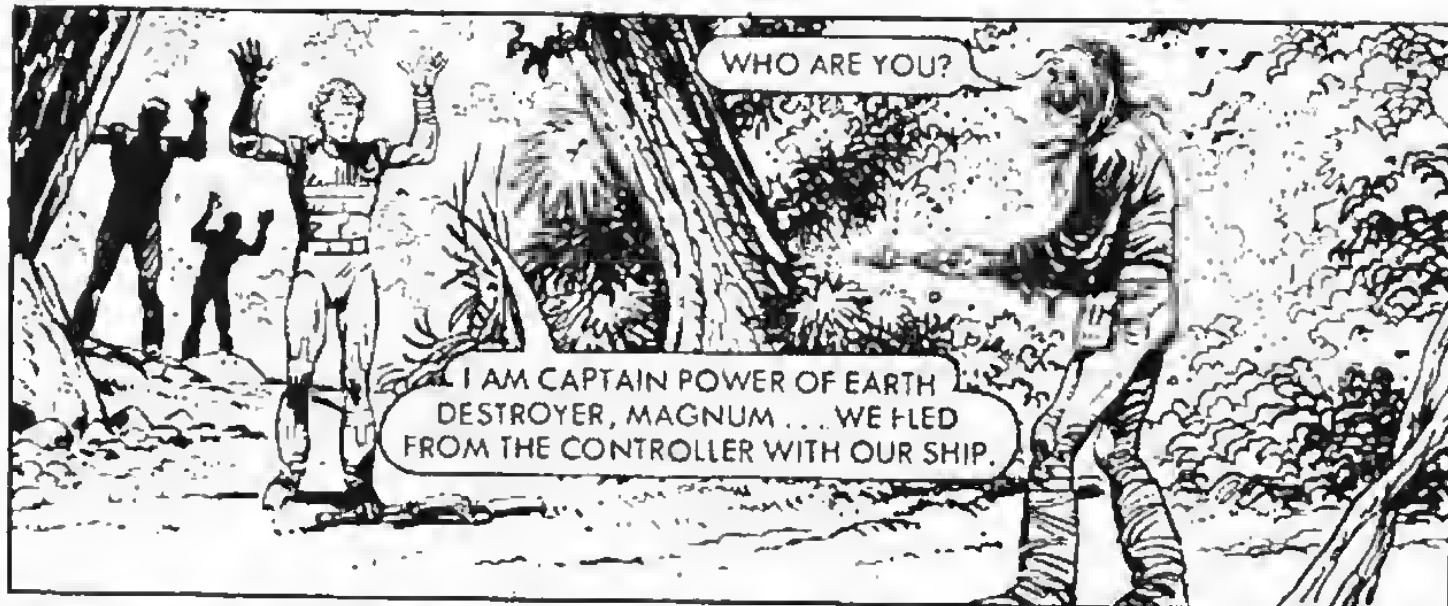
LEAVE NOW! THE CONTROLLERS  
ARE NOT WELCOME HERE.

THEY MUST THINK WE'RE  
A CONTROL SHIP.

POWER THREW DOWN HIS WEAPON --

STOP FIRING. WE  
ARE NOT FROM CONTROL.







POWER SOON FOUND TREEN—

I AM CONTROLLER TREEN.  
WHAT DO YOU WANT?

I WANT TO TALK TO  
YOU ABOUT YOUR FATHER.

YOUR FATHER WAS THE ENGINEER  
WHO BUILT CONTROL 1 ... DID HE  
EVER SAY WHERE IT WAS?

NO! MY FATHER DIED BECAUSE OF  
CONTROL 1 ... ALL HE EVER TOLD ME  
WAS TO JOIN THE CONTROLLERS  
BECAUSE I WOULD BE SAFE.



A VIDSCREEN CRACKLED INTO LIFE -

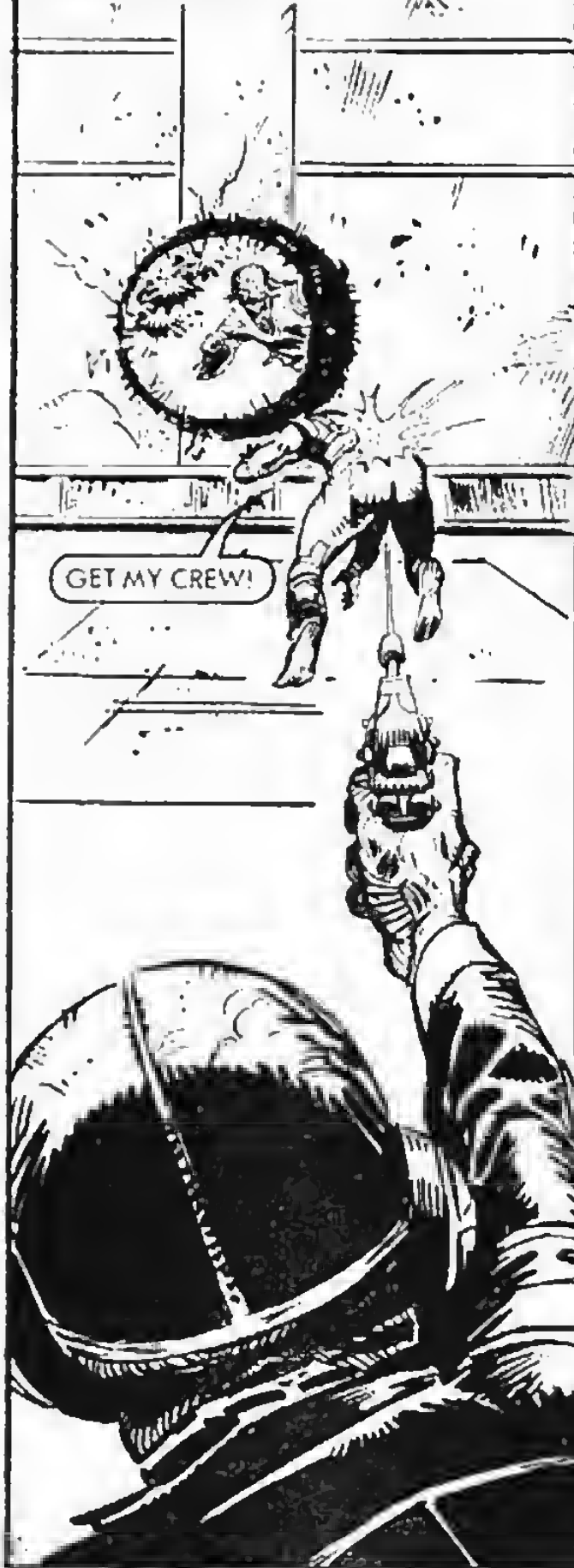




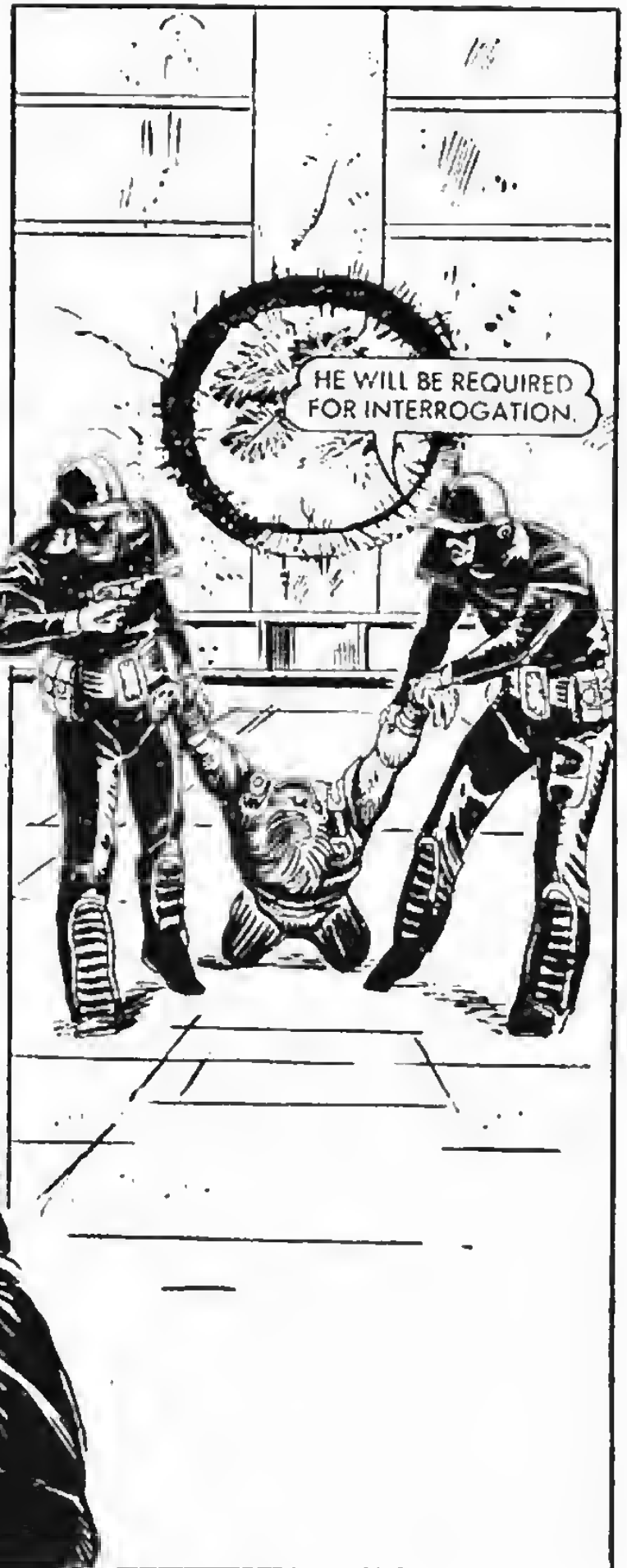




BUT A STUN CHARGE HIT POWER WITHIN  
SIGHT OF FREEDOM—



GET MY CREW!



HE WILL BE REQUIRED  
FOR INTERROGATION.

TAAP REACHED KANE.

THEY'VE CAPTURED POWER.  
HE NEEDS HELP.

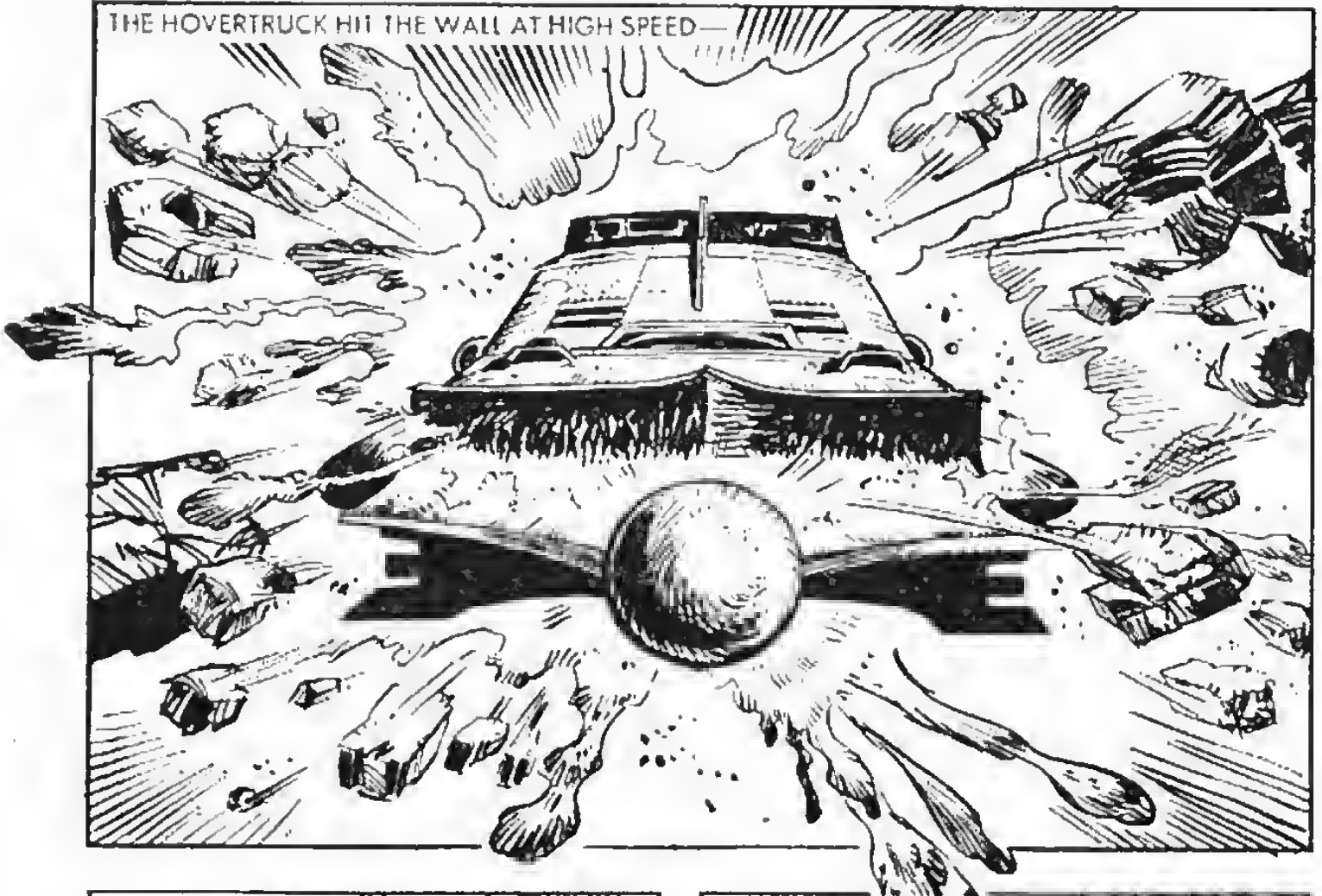
WILL YOU GUIDE US INTO  
THE CITY TO RESCUE HIM?

USING THE MAGNUM'S PERSONNEL CARRIER, THEY MADE FOR THE CITY BOUNDARY.

THE GUARDS WILL BE WAITING ON THE  
OTHER SIDE, WE'LL USE THE HOVERTRUCK  
TO RAM THE BOUNDARY.



THE HOVERTRUCK HIT THE WALL AT HIGH SPEED—

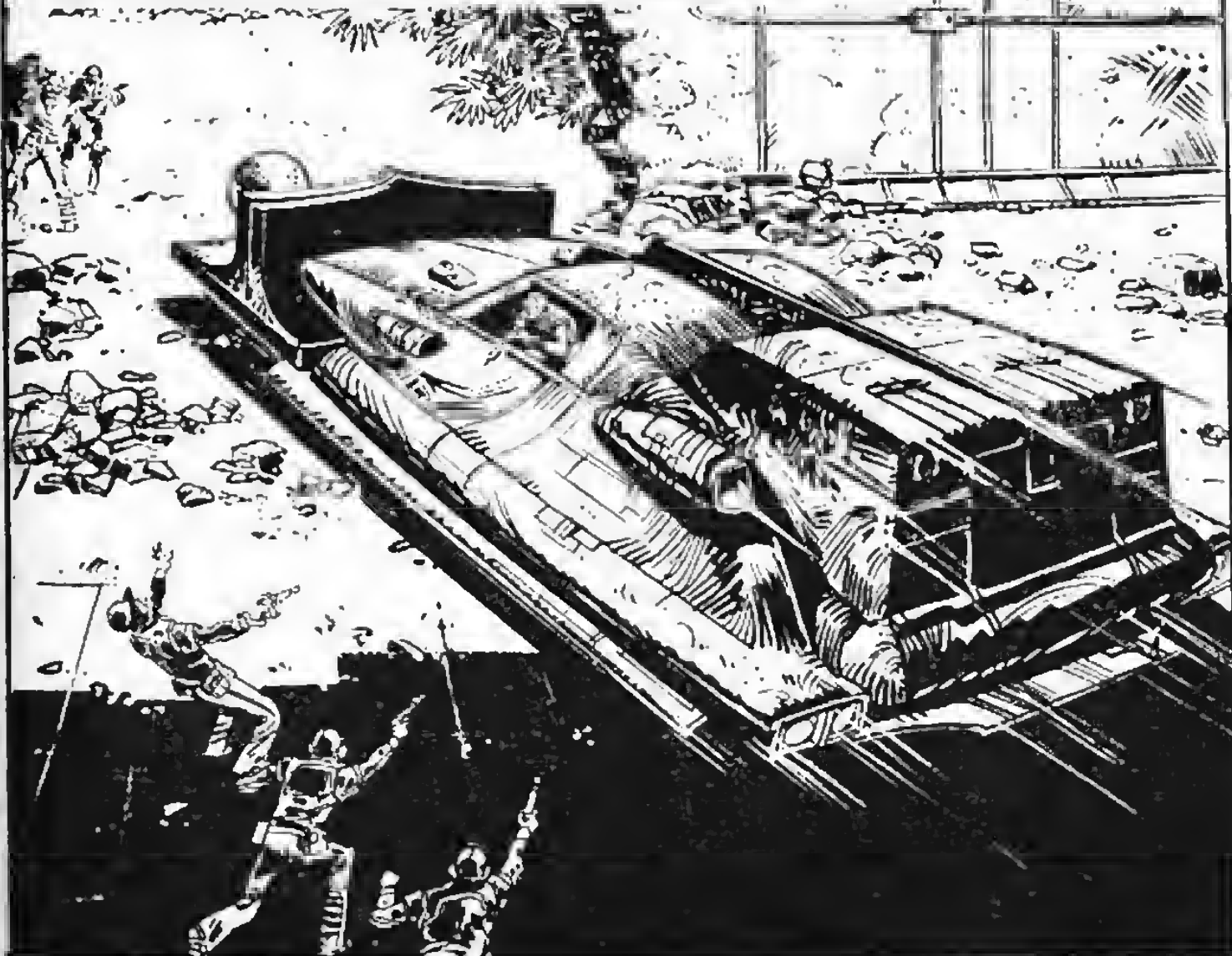


RENEGADES POURED INTO THE CONTROLLER CENTRE.





POWER WAS FREED QUICKLY AND THE ESCAPE WAS COMPLETE—



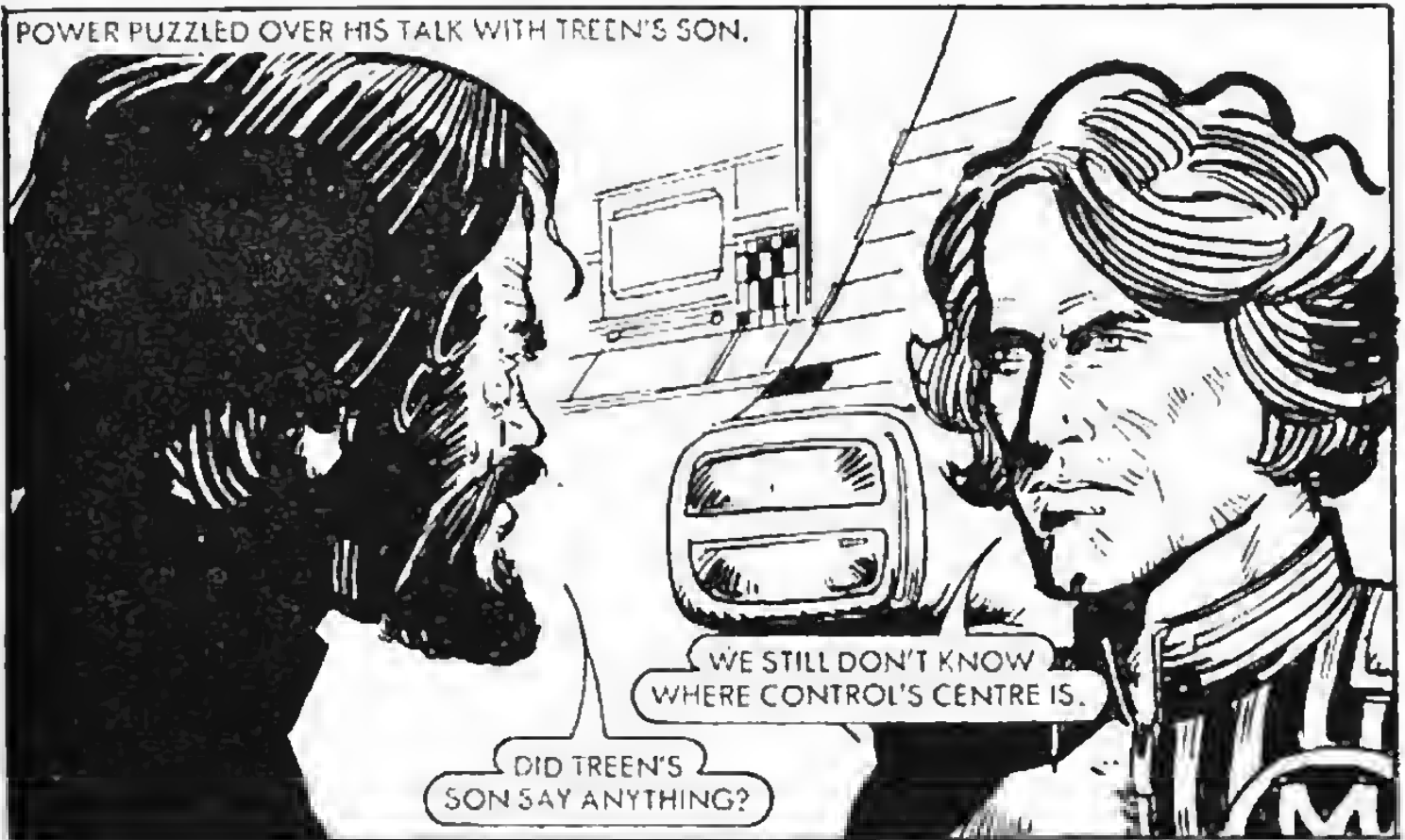




POWER AND HIS CREW LIFTED OFF. ○



POWER PUZZLED OVER HIS TALK WITH TREEN'S SON.



NOT REALLY ... THE USUAL CRYPTIC MUMBOJUMBO- SOMETHING ABOUT DEVIL'S JAWS.



DEVIL'S JAWS ... SECTOR 843.756—TWIN ELECTRICAL STORMS CAUSING AREA OF EXTREME TURBULENCE.

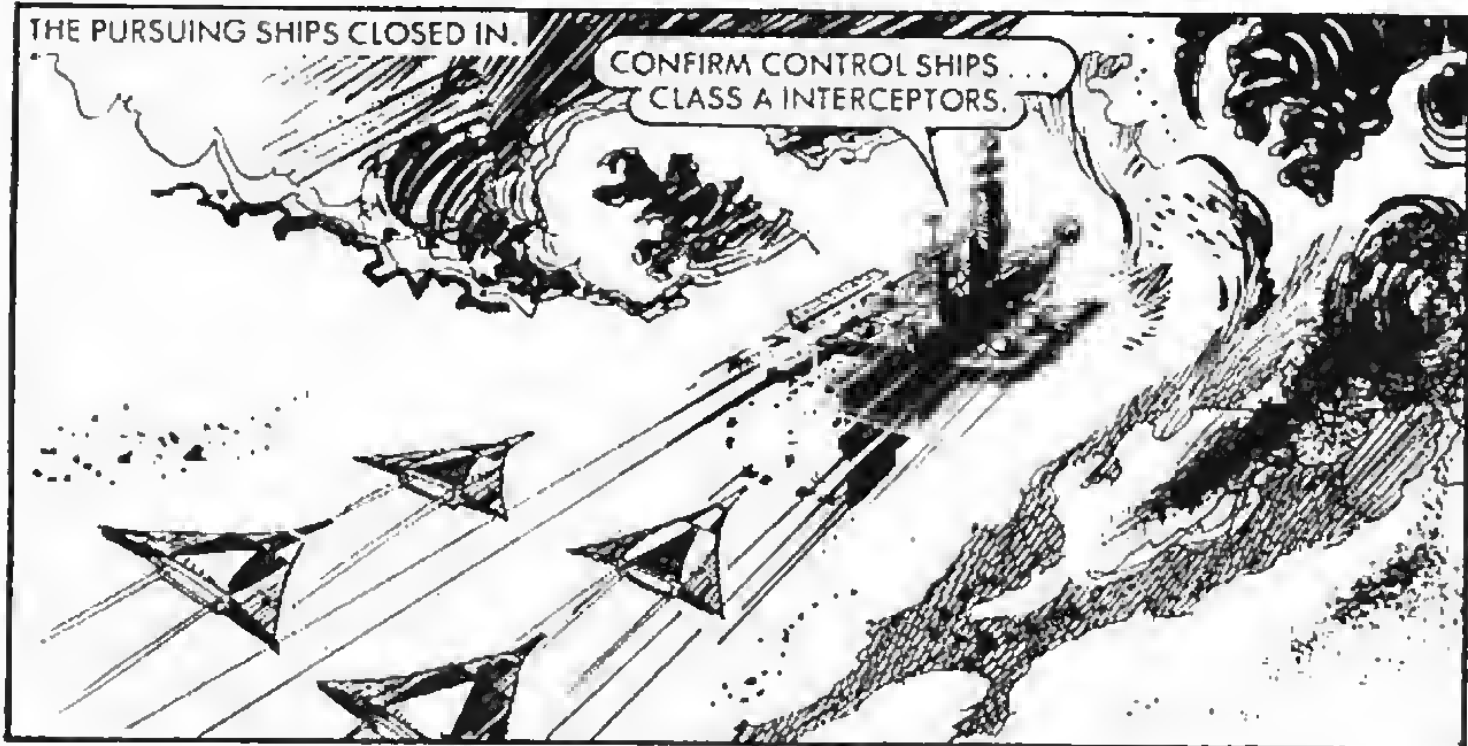


ALTHOUGH TRAVELLING AT JUST BELOW THE SPEED OF LIGHT, MAGNUM WASN'T FAST ENOUGH TO SHAKE OFF THE FOLLOWING CRAFT.

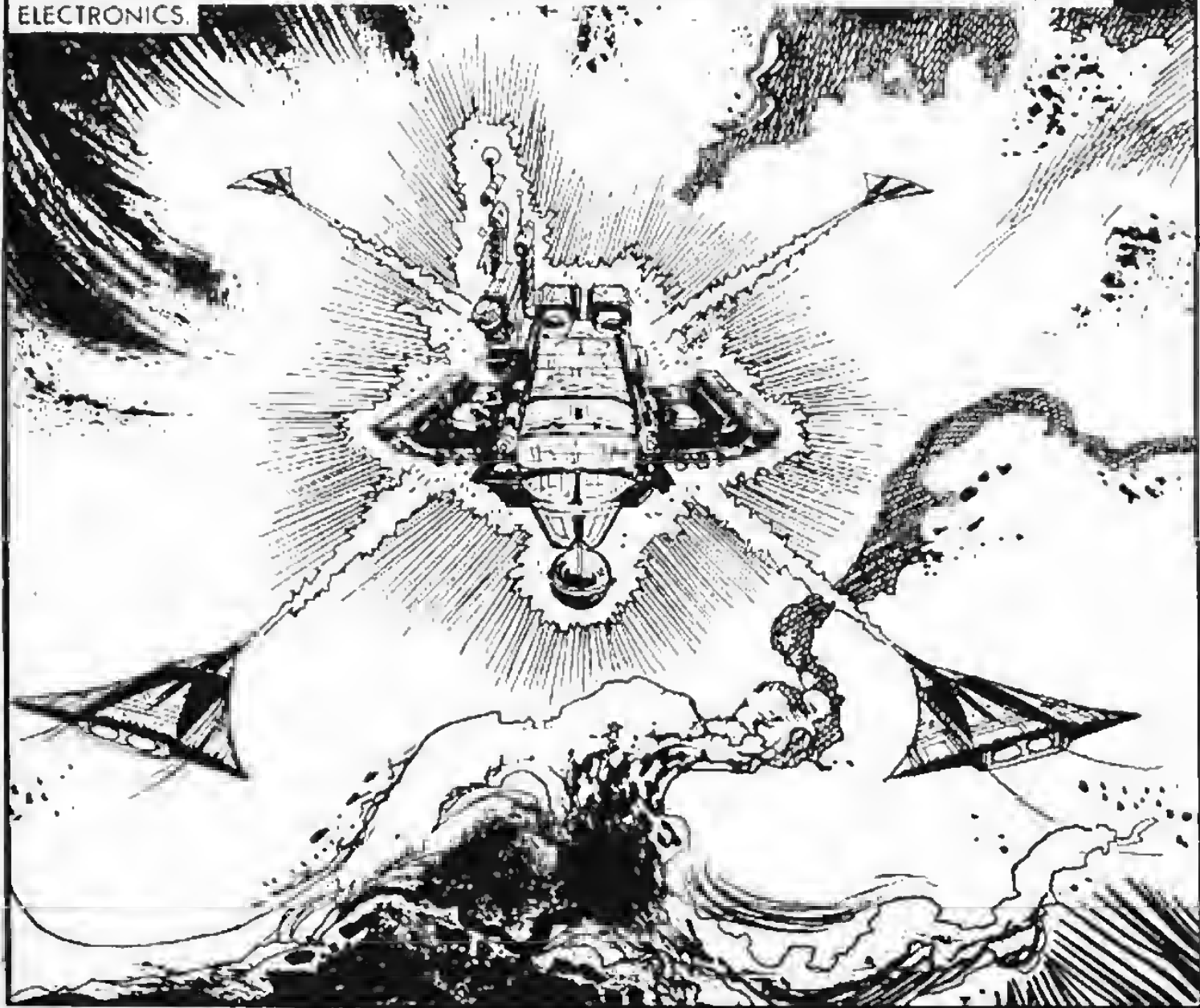


THE PURSUING SHIPS CLOSED IN.

CONFIRM CONTROL SHIPS...  
CLASS A INTERCEPTORS.

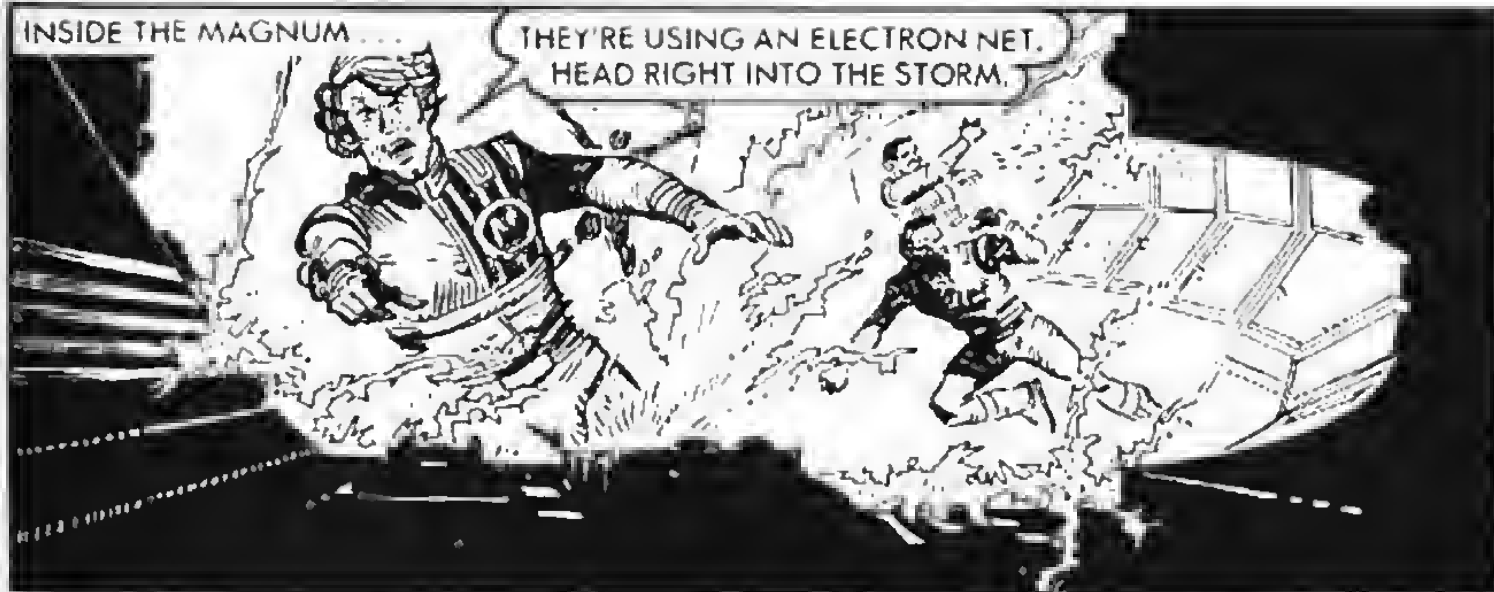


THE SHIPS CONSTRUCTED AN ELECTRON WEB—A TECHNIQUE THAT BURNED OUT A SHIP'S ELECTRONICS.

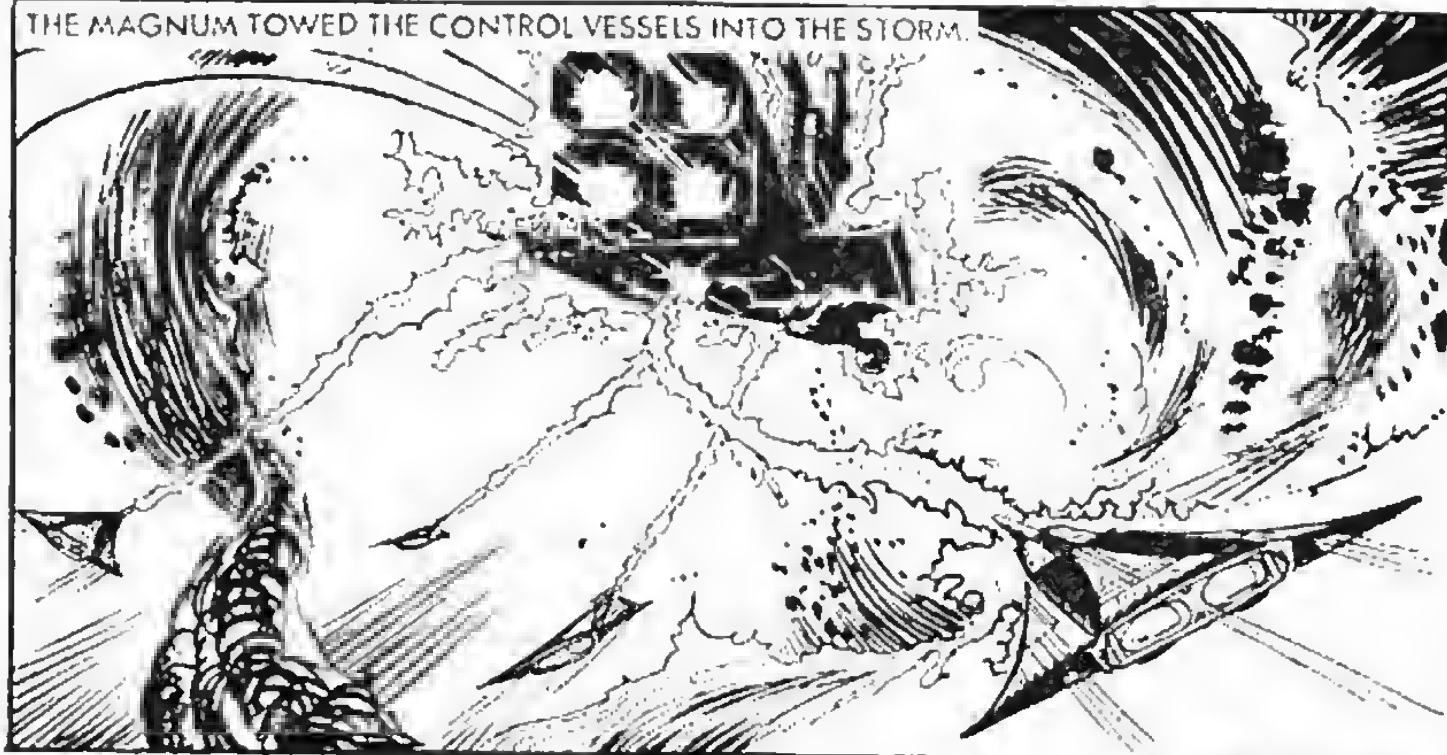


INSIDE THE MAGNUM...

THEY'RE USING AN ELECTRON NET.  
HEAD RIGHT INTO THE STORM.



THE MAGNUM TOWED THE CONTROL VESSELS INTO THE STORM.



THE LESS STURDY FIGHTERS DISINTEGRATED IN THE ELECTRICAL STORM.





THE MAGNUM SURVIVED THE STORM, BUT WAS BADLY BATTERED.



AS THEY CAME INTO ORBIT.

ANOTHER ATTACK!



THE BADLY DAMAGED MAGNUM COULDN'T COPE,  
AND CRASHED TO THE BARREN SURFACE.







IN HIS CELL POWER RECEIVED A VISITOR.

I'M MONX. I AM INCLINED TO BELIEVE YOU . . . WE HAVE HAD NO CONTACT WITH ANYONE BUT CONTROL FOR MANY YEARS.

MONX RELEASED POWER.

WHERE IS CONTROL ?

HERE! WHEN EARTH WAS UNDER THREAT, IT WAS DECIDED TO BUILD A COMPUTER TO CONTINUE THE BATTLE IN THE EVENT OF EARTH'S DEFEAT.

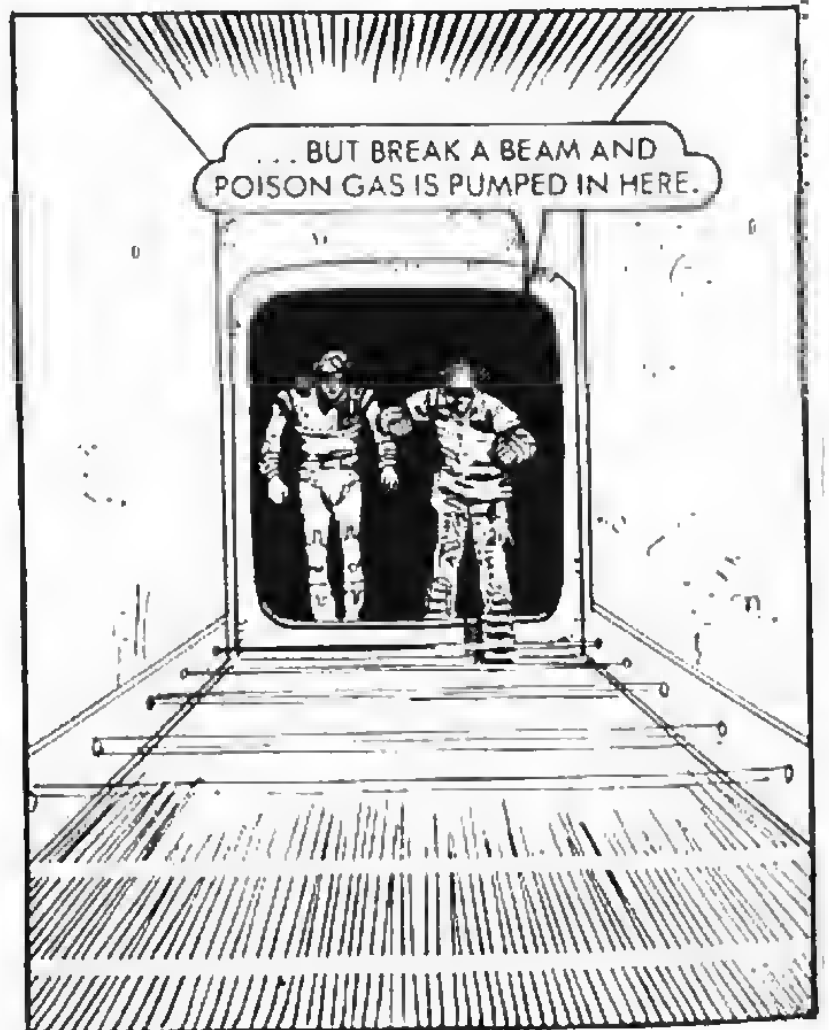
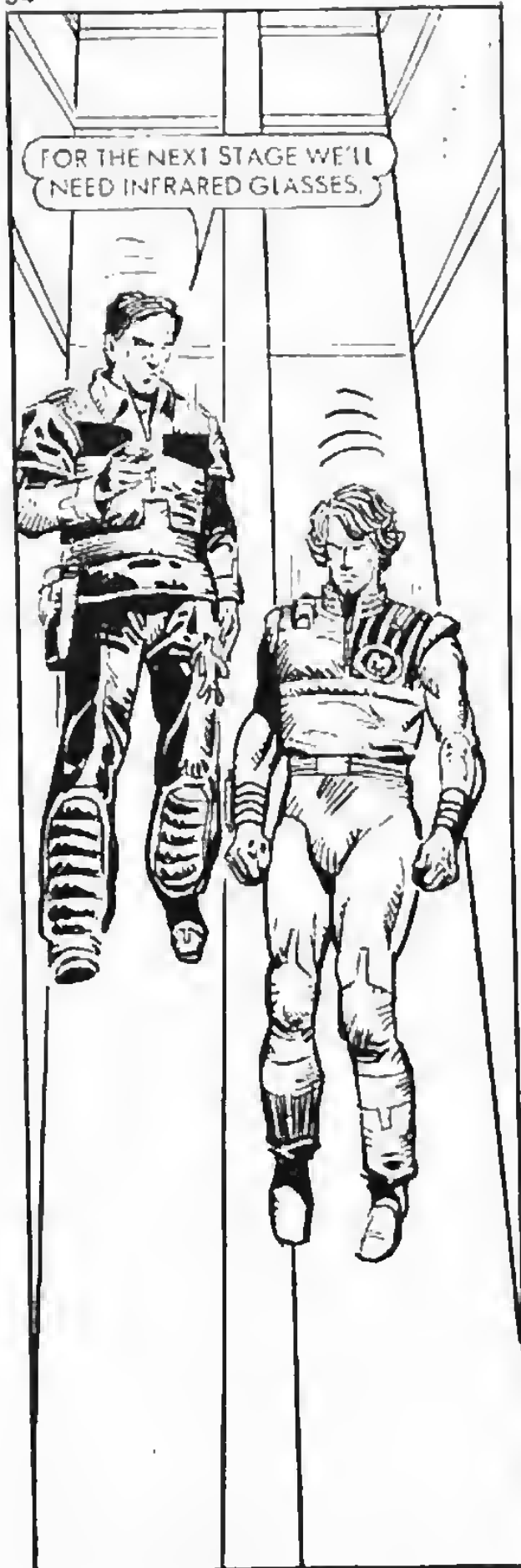














CAREFULLY THEY PICKED THEIR WAY OVER THE BEAMS —



I CAN'T GO ON! MY LEG'S HAD IT!

WHAT DO I HAVE TO DO?



MONK DESCRIBED THE PROCEDURE.

... THIS CARD WILL GAIN YOU  
ENTRY TO THE INNER SANCTUARY.  
BUT YOU'LL HAVE TO HALT CONTROL  
1 YOURSELF.

POWER SOON FOUND CONTROL 1 IN ITS PROTECTED AREA.

SO YOU ARE THE MIGHTY CONTROL 1.







JOHN O'NEILL STORY

POWER TOOK THE ONLY COURSE OF ACTION HE COULD —

HERE I AM... KILL ME NOW!



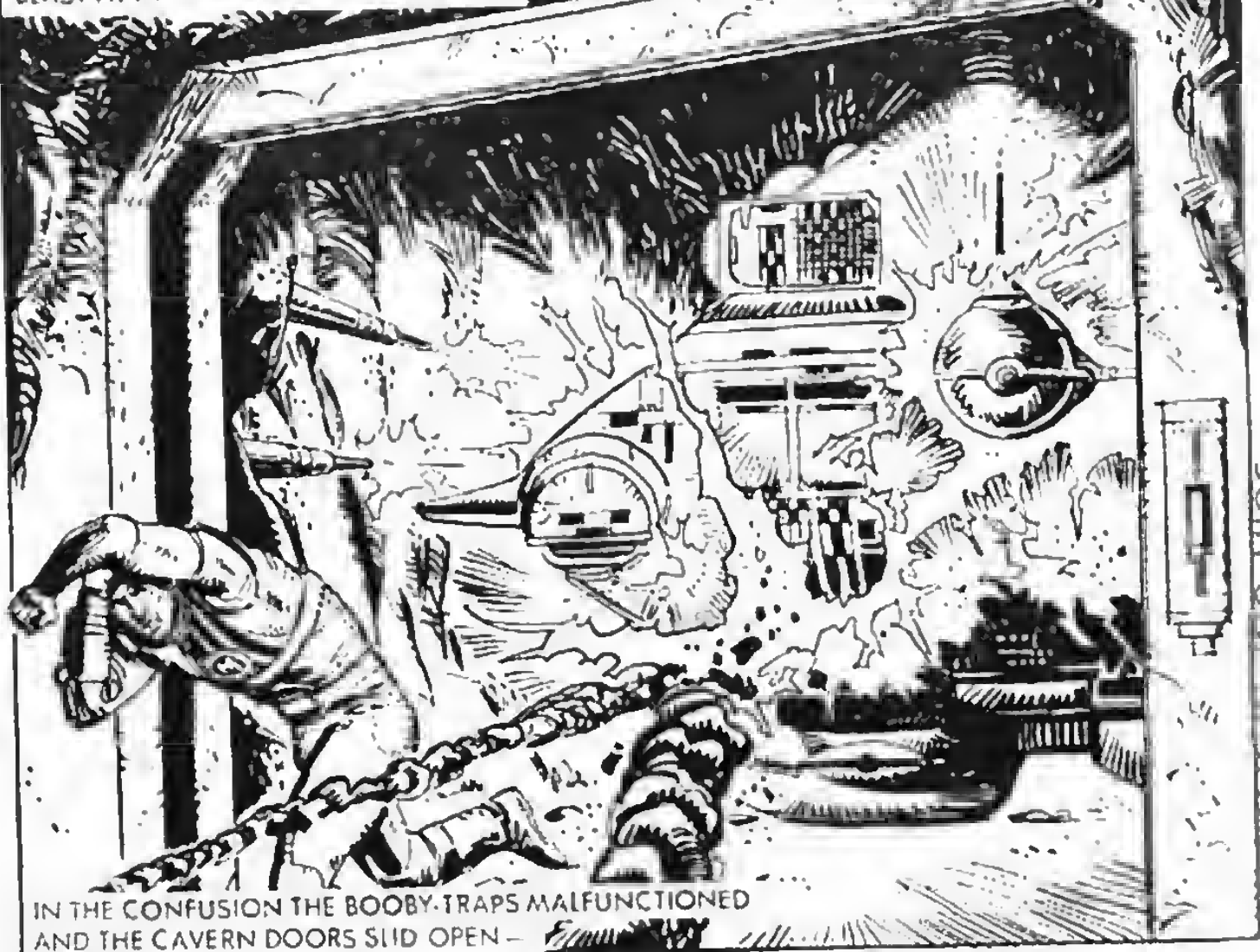
—HE THREW HIMSELF ONTO THE  
COMPUTER, WHICH IMMEDIATELY  
BEGAN TO FIRE AT HIM... AND  
ITSELF.

YOU ARE A THREAT TO ME. YOU MUST DIE! FIRE!  
MALFUNCTION... REPAIR INSTANTLY.





CONTROL 1'S SELF INFLICTED DAMAGE CAUSED CIRCUITS TO FUSE — IT CONTINUED TO BLAST AT ANYTHING INCLUDING ITSELF.



IN THE CONFUSION THE BOOBY-TRAPS MALFUNCTIONED AND THE CAVERN DOORS SLID OPEN —

WITH THE AID OF MONX, POWER FOUND HIS WAY BACK TO HIS MEN —



WE'VE GOT TO GET OUT OF HERE FAST — THE COMPUTER WILL DESTROY THE ENTIRE COMPLEX.







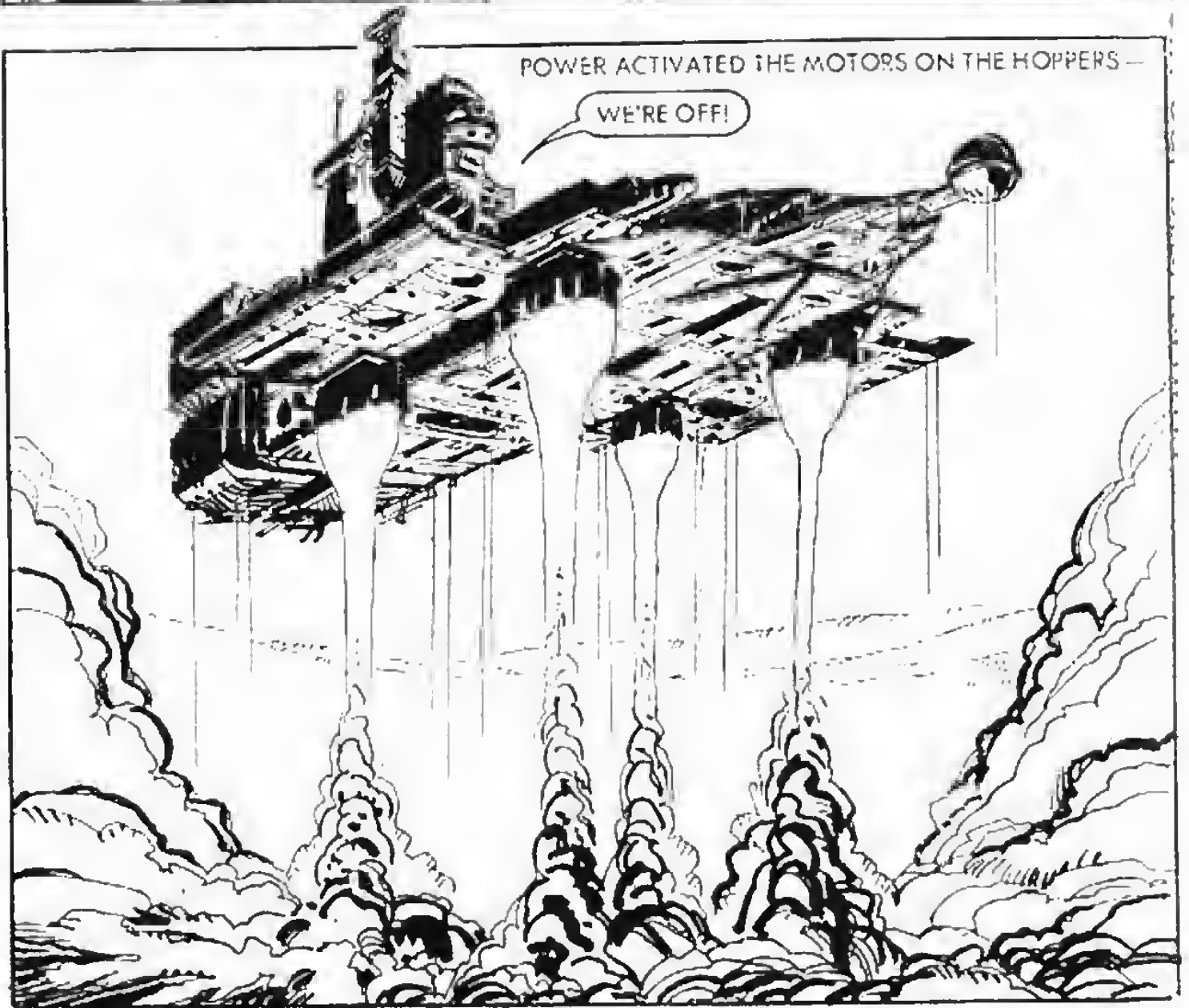
THE SPACE HOPPERS WERE HASTILY FIXED TO THE MAGNUM.

CONTROL 1 IS GOING CRITICAL...  
THE ENTIRE SYSTEM IS OVERLOADED.

TIME'S RUNNING OUT —  
IT'LL BLOW SOON.

POWER ACTIVATED THE MOTORS ON THE HOPPERS —

WE'RE OFF!





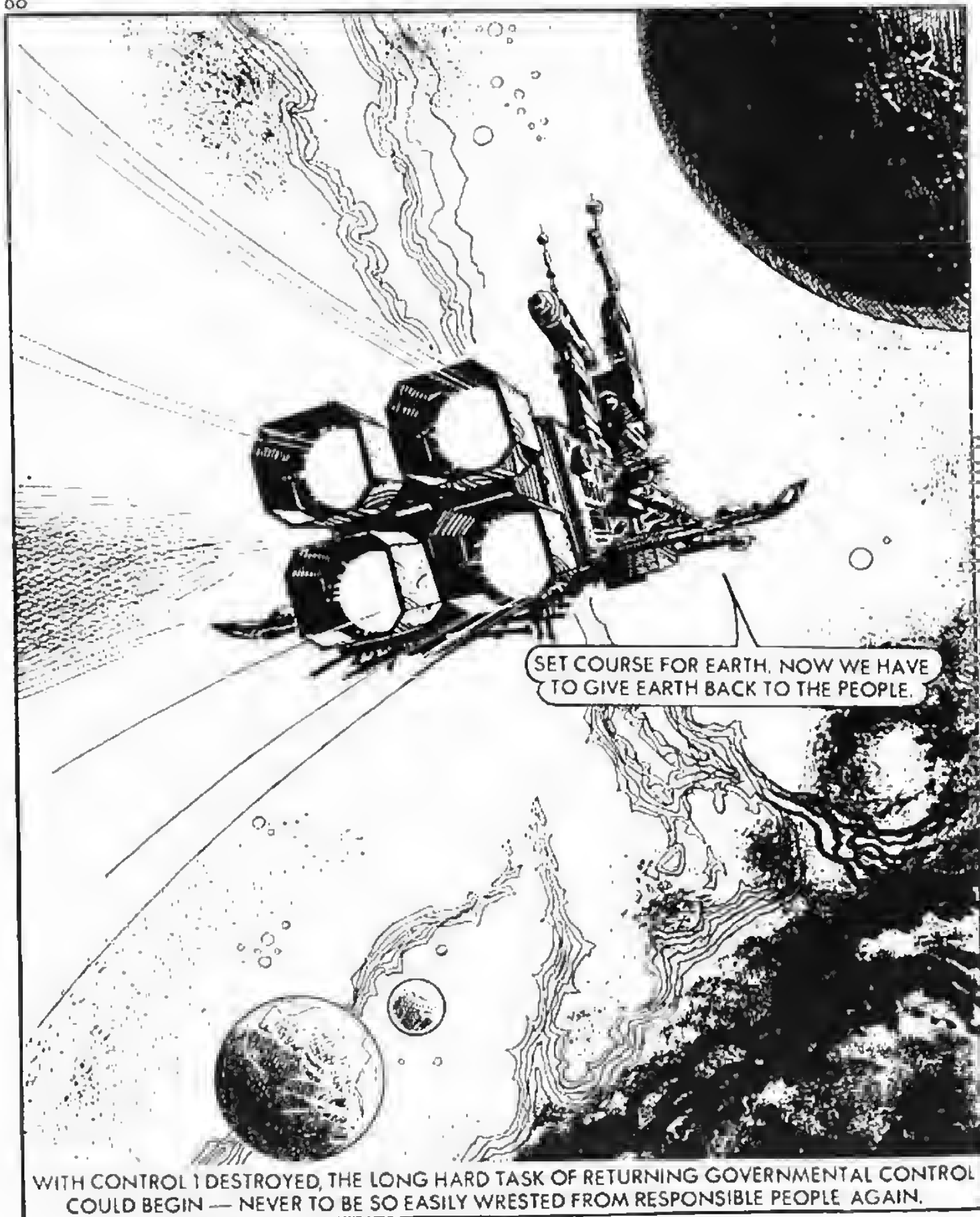
MAGNUM SHUDDERED ITS WAY INTO SPACE.



IN THE MAGNUM.

AND THERE GOES  
CONTROL 1.





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**BEYOND THE  
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